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U.S. Application No.

Docket No. *

Title of Invention

International Application No.: PCT/EP03/04599

International Filing Date. : May 2, 2003 Priority Dates Claimed

July 6, 2002 and October 25, 2002 : METHOD AND CASTING ROLLER PLANT FOR THE SEMI-ENDLESS OR

ENDLESS ROLLING BY CASTING OF A METAL IN PARTICULAR A

STEEL STRIP WHICH MAY BE TRANSVERSELY SEPARATED AS

REQUIRED AFTER SOLIDIFICATION

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applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:
This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. X A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. A is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b) has been transmitted by the international Bureau. c) is not required, as the application into English [35 U.S.C.371(c)(2)]. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. a) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b) have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c) have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d) have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C.371(c)(3)]. A translation of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C.371(c)(4)]. UNSIGNED A translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.
items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: 1. X An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 198. 2. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 3. X A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 4. A substitute specification. 5. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 6. X (other items or information) five sheets of drawings, PTO-1449 w/2 references and International Search Report
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on

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the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.50): International Application No. : PCT/EP03/04599 10/518085 ket No: HM-611PCT 17. X The following fees are submitted: CALCUL | PTO USE ATIONS | ONLY BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]: X Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO...... \$ 1000.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482]:..... \$ Neither International preliminary examination fee [37 CFR 1.482] nor International search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2]) paid to USPTO:....... ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT: \$1000.00 Surcharge of \$ 130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)] 20 30 months Rate filed Total Claims 12 -2U= X
Indep. Claims 2 - 3= X
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS: Small Emitity Status is being claimed (divided by 2) SUBTOTAL: \$1000.00 Processing fee of \$ 130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)] 30 months TOTAL NATIONAL FEE: \$1000.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet [37 CFR 3.28,3.31]. \$40.00 per property TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$1000.00 AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED: |Refunded||\$ AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED: Charged | \$ a) \underline{X} A check in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b) $_$ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 11-1835 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. to cover the above fees. c) \underline{X} The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1835. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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